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This folder contains letters from Marion Estelle Edison (1873-1965) to her stepmother, Mina Miller Edison, and her father, Thomas A. Edison. Eleven letters, covering the years 1899-1909, have been selected. Numerous additional letters written by Marion Edison during the period 1899-1910 can be found in the Charles Edison Fund Collection. Some of the letters in the CEF Collection, scanned from the microfilm, are now in the possession of the Thomas Edison National Historical Park.

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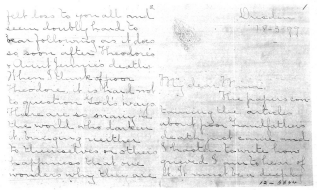

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[FB008AAA], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 18th, 1899

Title
[FB008AAA], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 18th, 1899

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Jane Eliza

Date
1899-03-18

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Photographs and autographs
- Deaths and funerals

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Dresden
18-3-99

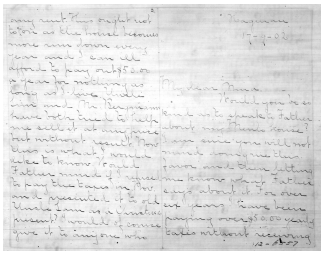
My dear Nina,

The papers containing the articles about poor Grandfather's death just came and I hasten to write how grieved I am to hear of it. It must be a deeply

felt loss to you all and seem doubly hard to bear following as it does so soon after Theodore's & Aunt Jennie's deaths. When I think of poor Theodore, it is hard not to question God's ways. There are so many in the world who darken it, bringing neither to themselves or others happiness that one wonders why they are

left in it and such lovely
young lives taken away
and with them their
good influence. It seems
to me that I receive
nothing but bad news
from home. About Tom.
I feel dreadfully and I
cannot think he is in
his right mind. His
letters sometimes to me
seemed as if they could
not possibly have been
written by a sane person.
I pity him from my heart

as I do anyone who is
misled by their mis-
taken convictions. I
trust you are all well &
the children getting on
nicely. I should so like
to have a picture of the
new baby. I am as fond
of them as ever & regret
not having any of my
own. With love to all also
from my dear husband
I am
Yours affectionately
Marion



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[FB008AAB], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 17th, 1902

Title
[FB008AAB], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 17th, 1902

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Bergmann, Sigmund
- Edison, Simeon Ogden
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1902-09-17

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Photographs and autographs
- Social customs, norms, values
- Taxes
- Property

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Nagaman
17-9-02

My dear Anna.

Would you be so kind as to speak to Father about my Mendo house? I am sure you will not mind doing me this favor and then letting me know what Father says about it. For over six years I have been paying over $50.00 yearly taxes without receiving

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any rent. This ought not to go on as the house becomes more run down every year and I can ill afford to pay out $50.00 a year for nothing as long as I live. Uncle Lin and Mr. Bergman have both tried to help me sell it at any price but without result. Now this is what I would like to know. Would Father mind if I refused to pay the taxes in Nov. and presented it to old Uncle Sam as a Christmas present? I would of course give it to anyone who

wanted it but who does! It is almost worse than a white elephant on one's hands. Now dear Nina do try to help me. If Father will not hear of my doing that then what does he advise? Please impress upon him that I have done everything in my power to sell and that I offered to sell the place for even $300.00. As this is known in Watertown and Mendon to wait longer seems useless for if such a price does not tempt people to buy then nothing will.

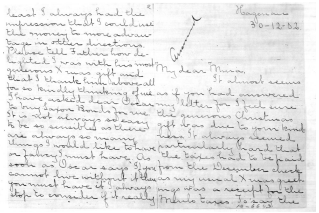
You will think this nothing but a begging letter when I ask you to do me still another favor. I am unable to get such dainty lace papers as we have at home. The enclosed sample I got at Harrys and I would be so much obliged to you if you would send me one or two dozen as nearly like this as possible. Gold it must be and the same size. If the ground is white and the flowers or design gold then I shall be as pleased as with all gold. I am particularly fond

Yr

of having my table look dainty; everything is white or gold and in summer it is my delight to have a big bowl of yellow flowers to match. The ladies care here very little about their table decorations if only the food is good. I cannot agree with them. The officers say they would rather eat cold meat and a salad at our table than a dinner served at a table with a course tablecloth and strong smelling flowers. I have often lost my appetite at a dinner by being placed opposite a pot of hyacinths or some

other equally strong smelling flower. I would be very glad to hear of any new ideas for the table. Some one wrote me of wired bows and another of jewelled centre pieces. I have usually a very lively imagination but it would back on me when I tried to fancy what a jewelled centre piece could be. I am half ashamed to acknowledge at this late day the receipt of your letter. It was none the less greatly appreciated and I am always glad to hear from you and know that you are all well. Photographs are almost

as welcome as letters.
bringing the family still
nearer. Father I expect
has changed ever so
much in eight years as
he began to get stout
before I left home. I would
be so glad if you would
send me a few photo-
graphs with the lace
papers. Cous wrote me that
Madeleine was growing
to be a very fine looking
girl. I don't suppose I
would know either her
or Charles now if I were
to see them. It seems so
funny when I was sixteen
I looked at least twenty-
five, now I am almost
thirty and they say I do
not look over twenty. My face
is as round as a full
moon but my figure
is slenderer than it used
to be as I am always
on the go and am very
careful what I eat. I hope
if you send Madeline to
Europe you will let her
come to us for a time.
We could then tell you
all about us. I could hear
of you all and your life at
home. More than a week
of Kagenan would bore her
as there are very few girls
here, nothing but officers.
With love to you all also
from my dear husband,
I am as ever
Lovingly yours
Marion



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Title
[FB008AAC], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 30th, 1902

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Oeser, Karl Oscar
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1902-12-30

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Taxes
- Property
- Automobiles and trucks
- Military

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Hagenau
30-12-02.

Answered

My dear Mina,

It almost seems as if you had answered my letter for I feel sure the generous Christmas gift was due to your kindness. It always seemed particularly hard that the taxes had to be paid from the December check as my usual X mas greetings was a receipt for the Mendo taxes. To say the

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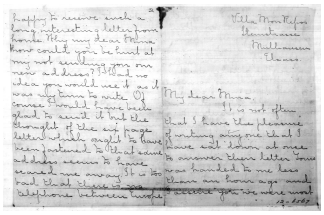
least I always had the impression that I could use the money to more advantage in other directions. Please tell Father how delighted I was with his most generous X mas gift and that I thank him above all for so kindly thinking of me. I have asked dear Oscar to buy Saxon Bonds for me. It is not always so easy to be so sensible as there are always so many things I would like to have or fancy I must have. As soon as Oscar says "If you cannot live without it then you must have it" I always stop to consider if it really

is necessary and usually I give in and am glad of it afterwards. You are sure to have had a very gay Christmas, nothing makes things so lively as children. Have you heard that I have a little daughter? I was so glad to hear the news from one of my home friends otherwise I might not have known anything about it. We saw a picture of you and Father in your automobile in one of the Berlin papers. I never thought it possible for an automobile to look so light and elegant. In appearance at least it is a great improve-

ment on the old sort. When we first came here Oscar wanted to buy one as it would have been of great service to him in his new position here but all his friends were so against it that he decided to wait. They are such awful sticklers for punctuality in the German Army that nothing but your death justifies you in being late, an automobile accident would count for nothing. Oscar's general paid him a great compliment at a dinner not long ago, he told an officer that he would do everything in his power to have Oscar commanded as his adjutant. Now I must close as you know I never know when to stop when once started. With love & best wishes to all from A Happy New Year

Lovingly Yours Marion



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[FB008AAD], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 10th, 1904

Title
[FB008AAD], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 10th, 1904

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Oeser, Karl Oscar
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1904-02-10

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Social customs, norms, values

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Villa Mon Repos
Steinstrasse
Mülhausen
Elsass.

My dear Mina,

It is not often that I have the pleasure of writing anyone that I have sat down at once to answer their letter. Yours was handed to me less than an hour ago and I assure you we were most

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happy to receive such a long, interesting letter from home. Why my dear Mina how could you be hurt at my not sending you our new address? I had no idea you would use it as it was my turn to write. Of course I would have been glad to send it but the thought of the six page letter which ought to have been fastened to that same address seems to have scared me away. It is too bad that there is no telephone between Europe

and America. I would then be able to show you often how I long for news from home. Sometimes the newspapers frighten me in a perfect panic. The article about Father's blindness sounded so dreadful that I cried almost all of the following night and I wanted to write and ask if it was true but Oscar said it would hurt your feelings as I ought to be confident that if anything was the matter you would be the first to let me know. I see from

your letter that he was right as he always is, bless him. Edith writes me most of the Orange news, but as you say, very little news of her dear self. I would be glad to hear of her taking up something as Mary and Grace did. I am sure she would be much happier. I was very glad to hear that there is nothing but good news to write of the family. I would have been glad to hear more details of the children but your

letter was so long that it would look as if nothing would satisfy me if I asked for more. I fear you know nothing of the boys as you do not mention them in your letter. I would be glad to have their addresses if you happen to have them. Now as to ourselves, dear Anna, really there is almost nothing to write. I remained in Hagenau a whole year without Oscar. It would have been unbearable if he had not been able to come home

almost every week. General Kholt with whom Oscar is a great favorite promised to transfer him to Mülhausen from St. Avold within a year so we did not want to make an unnecessary move and so I waited in Hagenau. It proved to be more than a year however which made the separation almost unbearable. We are delighted to be here in such a big city instead of in a little place like St. Avold. Mülhausen is more French than German and what

particularly delights me is that all the best French plays are given at the theatres. Paris gowns and French "chic" are to be seen on every side. Our villa is just such a house as I have always wanted to have, being built so high that there are beautiful views from almost all the windows. We are in the very heart of the Blue Alsatian mountains and the history of this part of Germany is extremely interesting. Oscar reads aloud to me more than an

hour every day and in this way we read most of the really good books referring to the parts where we are stopping. It is indeed an ideal life in every way except that we have to change our home so often. I trust we will have more luck in the future than we have had in the past and will not have to leave our home just as we have begun to love it. I need not say how glad I would be to receive soon again such a letter as your last one was. Oscar joins me in love to all

Lovingly yours Marion

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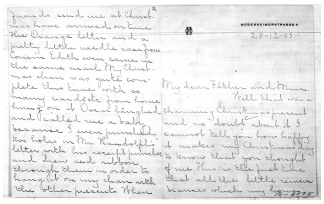

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[FB008AAE], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, December 28th, 1905

Title
[FB008AAE], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, December 28th, 1905

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Wagner, Richard
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Randolph, John F
- Oeser, Karl Oscar
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Oeser, Hermann
- Bergmann, Sigmund

Date
1905-12-28

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Property
- Health and medicine

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friends send me at Christmas have arrived on time. The Orange letter and a pretty little needle case from Cousin Edith even came in the same mail. My Christmas chair was quite complete this time with so many candies etc from home hung on it. Oscar laughed and called me a baby because I even punched two holes in Mr. Randolph's letter with his receipt puncher and drew red ribbon through them in order to hang it on my chair with the other presents. When

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28-12-05

My dear Father and Mina,

Well that was a charming Christmas present and no doubt about it. I cannot tell you how happy it makes my Christmas day to know that you thought of me. This is the first time that all the little remembrances which my home

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the letter came I rushed into our bedroom and awoke him (Oscar) from his late morning sleep, a luxury by the way which he is not often allowed to enjoy. I waved the letter in the air and said it was from home and he was asked to guess what it contained. His answer was such a dear one and so like him, "Your face is enough, darling, it does'nt matter much what is in the letter." 4180 miles! Why Father I wonder if you have any idea what that means to us? A part of it I shall

spend on our home. We are great home bodies and when ever we are able we add to its comforts. When we get back from a journey we are delighted with everything and agree that there is no place in the world quite as nice and comfortable. Two of the four thousand marks is to be the beginning of savings for a little villa which we hope some time to build. We have always wanted a home of our own but of course that is out of the question until Oscar retires. That is not to be thought

would make allright with my Father. He seemed hurt that I refused to take it but I did not like to explain to him how Fathers affairs stood and that a thousand marks would probably mean a great deal to him. I hope soon to get a letter from Mina. Now that Edith has left Orange I am entirely dependant upon Mina for home news. Please dont think that a long letter is necessary. I am perfectly contented with a few words. I had such a nice long letter from Mary. That Edith had left Orange and that Madeleine had left there

of for ten years at least, by that time we will probably have saved enough. I cut all the pictures of houses which please me out of the home papers and never tire of planning and thinking how nice it will be. Father Oscar's Christmas present to us was also money which will go to swell the started house fund. I conclude from Father's check that his financial affairs are prospering and I am so glad, if they are, that he will not have to worry about money matters as he used to do. When Mr. Bergmann was in Chemnitz he wanted to give me a thousand mark bill which he said he

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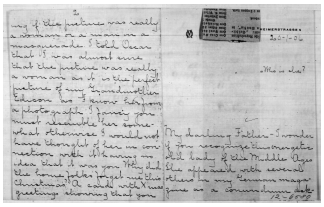
to attend school in Akron was news indeed. Poor Cous! she is quite heart broken having nothing to take her mind from her troubles in such a quiet little place. She wrote me from Milan about a month ago and she says Mina has not been at all well this winter. I was very sorry to hear it and trust she will soon get rid of her rheumatism. Oscar says it is something awful, he had it very badly once from sleeping on damp ground in the manoeuvres. Did our letters arrive on time? Perhaps they did but laid in the letter box a day or two. It is queer that the Post Office does not

deliver your letters & mail matter at Glenmont. We trust you had as happy a Christmas as we did. I smiled to think what a contrast it would be to a home Christmas. Snails for lunch! a Wagner Matinée and the Catholic Church in the evening. That seems queer to you does it not? Mina please kiss dear Father for me. Our love to all and our deeply felt thanks for your generous Christmas present and the kindness which prompted it.

Yours lovingly,

Marion.

Happy New Year.



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[FB008AAF], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, January 20th, 1906

Title
[FB008AAF], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, January 20th, 1906

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Oeser, Eugenie
- Oeser, Karl Oscar
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Nancy Elliott, (Mother)
- Oeser, Hermann

Date
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Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Cylinder recordings

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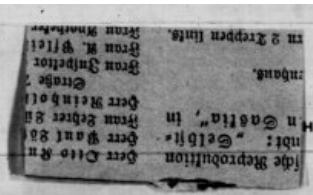
ing if the picture was really a woman or a man in a masquerade. I told Oscar that I was almost sure that the picture was really a woman as it is the perfect picture of my Grandmother Edison as I know her from a photograph. I fancy you must resemble her somewhat otherwise I would not have thought of her in connection with it having no idea that it was you. Why did the home folks forget me this Christmas? A card with X mas greetings showing that you



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=Who is she?

My darling Father - I wonder if you recognize this energetic old lady of the Middle Ages She appeared with several others in my German magazine as a conundrum ske-

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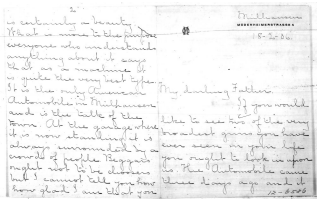
6. „Altdeutsche Bürgerin“,

6. Ein Mann — denn es ist der bekannte Erfinder Edison.

had thought of me would
have made my Christmas
so much happier too and
Mina must not think that
a Christmas greeting must
come in the form of a present
or a long letter. I wish you
knew how happy I was to get
the birthday letter you sent
me with the family last
February. I read and re-read
it until it was quite old
and shabby and now I
have put it in my "Memory
Book" if you happen to know
what that is. We have often
spoken to Mother and Father

Oscar during the last few
weeks through the phonograph.
We sent our Christmas and
New Years greetings to each
other in that way and it
brought them so near to us
that we almost felt home-
sick and we decided to
pass next X mas with them
if we can make it possible.
My dear old hubby joins
me in sending you all our
love and hoping that the
coming year will be a happy
one for all.

Lovingly
Marion.



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Title
[FB008AAG], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, February 18th, 1906

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Oeser, Eugenie
- Oeser, Karl Oscar
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Oeser, Hermann

Date
1906-02-18

Type
Letter

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- Edison-Miller family
- Celebrations (anniversaries, birthdays, holidays)
- Automobiles and trucks

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is certainly a beauty.
What is more to the purpose
everyone who understands
anything about it says
that as a machine it
is quite the very best type.
It is the only American
Automobile in Mülhausen
and is the talk of the
town. At the garage where
it is now standing it is
always surrounded by a
crowd of people. Beggars
ought not to be choosers
but I cannot tell you how
how glad I am that you

Mülhausen
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18-2-06.

My darling Father.

If you would like to see two of the very broadest grins you have ever seen in your life you ought to look in upon us. The Automobile came three days ago and it

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sent me an American
machine and especially
one of which I can be so
proud. It runs as smooth
as if it were on rails. Oscar
is delighted with the un-
seen parts and I with the
outside and its extreme
comfort so we are both as
happy as happy can be
and are making great
plans for the future. You
know we are in the very
heart of Europe, very near
France and Switzerland
and not far from Italy.

We are planning to visit
Father and Mother Oeser
at Whitsuntide. As I am
thirty-three today I am
old enough to have more
sense but the evening I
received the notice that
the Automobile had
arrived I was so excited
that I never closed my
eyes until five o'clock
the next morning. I am
a great tea drinker and
it has played great
havock with my nerves. I
have gained the name of

ahead in hopes of having it arrive on time as no amount of planning seems to make it possible that letters etc. arrive in Orangl at the right time. Such a long letter and as yet not one word of thanks for your lovely present. You are just the best and dearest father in all the world and we are deeply grateful to you for your goodness to us. Money and presents are nice things and help greatly to make life pleasant but

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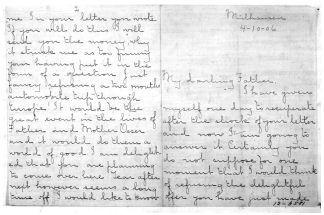
quicksilver because I am so restless. When intimate friends are invited to lunch or dine as soon as we leave the table I begin to walk the floor. It amuses these non-nerved Germans immensely but as it does not hurt anybody and seems a sort of safety valve for my pent up nerves I just keep on. Did you get our birthday greetings? We send the cable a day

12-6586

your affectionate letter
was the thing I most wanted.
Now if you dont write me
again in ten years I shall
remember your last letter
and be contented. My
dear old hubby joins me
in sending love to you
and Nina. This letter is
meant for her too so please
let her read it before you
throw it in the paper
basket. We are going for
a ride in our Automobile
this after-noon so it will
be the very nicest birth-
day I have had in years.
Hoping that this will
find you in good health
and just as happy as
you have made your
affectionate daughter
Marion.



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Title
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Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Cadillac (Automobile)
- Oeser, Eugenie
- Oeser, Karl Oscar
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Oeser, Hermann

Date
1906-10-04

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Travel (TAE and family)
- General economic and business conditions
- Automobiles and trucks

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Mülhausen
4-10-06.

My darling Father,

I have given myself one day to recuperate after the shock of your letter and now I am going to answer it. Certainly you do not suppose for one moment that I would think of refusing the delightful offer you have just made

me. In your letter you wrote "If you will do this I will send you the money", why it struck me as too funny your having put it in the form of a question. Just fancy refusing a two months automobile trip through Europe! It would be the great event in the lives of Father and Mother Oser and it would do them a world of good. I am delighted that you are planning to come over here. Year after next however seems a long time off. I would like to know

12-6581

if you intend to travel in Europe in motor cars and at what port you will land. Havre is perhaps the best Hamburg and Genoa take longer. Sea air is the best tonic in the world so perhaps if you are all good sailors you would not mind if the voyage were to take a few days longer. Oscar can plan a trip from the port you expect to arrive at taking in the four countries you mention, France, Germany, Austria and Italy. We could make the trip next summer with

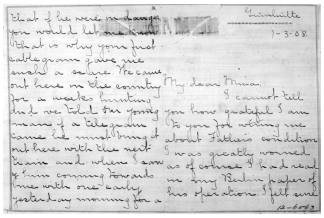
a chauffeur from here who is in every way a very good one. Then when you come over we could put him and the new automobile at your disposal and he would save you a great deal of annoyance being well posted. I will send you the plan when Oscar has made it. If it does not suit you or you would like to have a part changed, that is easily done. One thing is certain and that is that we must take the same route as only then our experience can be of use to you.

An automobile 40 h.p. with chauffeur costs here in Mülhausen about $500 monthly. Would it pay to bring over your own car? It is rather early to make definite plans. I hope nothing will happen to prevent your coming; it seems too good to be true that I am really to see you again. It would seem like the direst ingratitude towards our "Cadillac" if we were to sell it when we have a larger car. It has behaved beautifully ever since we have had it. It is small as you say and climbs the

hills at a patience trying rate but still it has very many compensating qualities. It could climb the stairs if necessary, is very economical in tires being so light and is a beauty as to form and colour. Perhaps you will not always be able to give me an allowance which enables me to keep up a more expensive car and then I will be glad I did not part with our "Cadillac". Oscar has kept strict accounts and he says as far as he can now judge the

"Cadillac" costs about 150 mks. per month. I was not surprised at your sending 100 mks. monthly to keep it up. With the exception of labor everything is cheaper at home than here. Germany has become the dearest country in Europe not even excepting England. Cheap Germany has become a thing of the past. I cannot tell you how grateful I am that you let us share your prosperity with you. We will do our best to be a credit to the glorious name of Edison.

Although I never speak of you or your inventions I am very proud of being your daughter and try never to do anything unworthy of our name. Too bad that money wont buy everything. Just think of being able in your case to buy a nice new stomach "with the very best quality" of digestive organs inside of it. Do you still suffer as you used to? Oscar joins me in sending our love to you and Mina and our thanks for your goodness to us. Ever your affectionate daughter Marion.



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Title
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Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1908-03-01

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Sports, leisure, recreation
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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that if he were in danger
you would let me know
That is why your first
cablegram gave me
such a scare. We came
out here in the country
for a weeks hunting
and we told the young
man if a telegram
came he must bring it
out here with the next
train and when I saw
him coming towards
me with one early
yesterday morning for a

Grünhütte
HOCHENHEIMERSTRASSE
1-3-08.

My dear Anna.

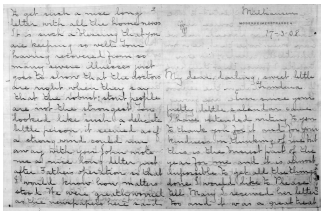
I cannot tell
you how grateful I am
to you for writing me
about Father's condition
I was greatly worried
as of course I had read
in my Berlin paper of
his operation. I felt sure

moment my heart seemed to stand still and Oscar said I turned as pale as death. As no news is good news I fancied that something had happened to poor Father. Now God be praised he must be out of danger as your second cable gram has just been brought to me stating that his condition is favourable. Poor man I hope he has

~~not had~~ to suffer much. ~~The~~ We give him oceans of love from us and our best wishes for a speedy recovery. With love to all the home folks and again, dear Mina, our best thanks ~~for~~ thinking of us. I am as ever

Yours affectionately

Marion



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[FB008AAJ], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, March 17th, 1908

Title
[FB008AAJ], Letter from Marion Estelle Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, March 17th, 1908

Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1908-03-17

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Sports, leisure, recreation
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Health and medicine

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Mülhausen

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17-3-08.

My dear, darling, sweet little Grandma.

Ever since your pretty, little calendar came I have intended writing to you to thank you for it and for your kindness in thinking of me but this is the busiest part of the year for me and it is almost impossible to get all the things done I would like to. Please tell Mary I received her letter too and it was a great treat

12-Cards

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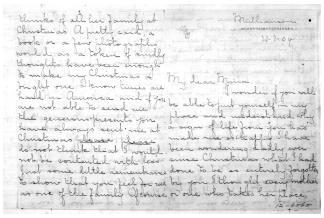
to get such a nice long letter with all the home news It is such a blessing that you are keeping so well. Tom having recovered from so many severe illnesses just goes to show that the doctors are right when they say that the robust, stout people are not the strongest. Tom looked like such a delicate little person, it seemed as if a strong wind could run away with you. John wrote me a nice long letter just after Father's operation so that I would know how matters stood. We were greatly worried as the newspapers here said

he was not expected to live. By this time of course all danger has passed and we can only hope that he is now definitively cured of his ear trouble. I fancy that they have now gone south although it is very late in the season. This evening we are giving a dinner which does not worry me now as it did the first year after I was married. We have given hundreds of dinners & lunches since then and it is certainly true, that the oftener you give them the easier it becomes. We sometimes get so tired of our social duties in winter that we

pack up and go into the country for a week's hunting. It keeps us in good health all the winter. We have two rooms in a foresters cottage and his wife and her little maid do everything to make us comfortable. I am out there a great deal in summer as it is only about three miles from here and Oscar can come out evenings and we ride around the country on our wheels until it is dark. The roads are excellent and the country beautiful. Please give my love to all the home folks and tell Mary I would be so glad if she could find time to write me again. With much love also from my old darling I am,

Yours lovingly Dot.



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Title
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Author
Edison, Marion Estelle

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Oeser, Karl Oscar
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1909-02-11

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Celebrations (anniversaries, birthdays, holidays)
- TAE personality and character
- Photographs and autographs
- General economic and business conditions
- Health and medicine

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MODENHEIMERSTRASSE 4
17-7-09

My dear Nina.

I wonder if you will be able to put yourself in my place and underst and why a sign of life from you has made me sick at heart. I have been wondering daily ever since Christmas what I had done to be so entirely forgotten by you. I thought every mother or one who takes her place,

12-6-65

thinks of all her family at Christmas. A pretty card, a book or a few photographs would do as a token of kindly thoughts, have been enough to make my Christmas a bright one. I know times are "hard" in America and if you are not able to send me the generous presents you have always sent me at Christmas please, please do not think that I would not be contented with less. Just some little remembrance to show that you feel for me as one of the family. Of course

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what would please me most would be a nice, long home letter as a Christmas greeting but of course nobody has time just before Christmas to write letters. I am not as early a bird as the letter-carrier so our maid brought this morning's mail to me in bed. I had to laugh when I saw her, she could hardly carry all the papers and magazines. They have of course sent all the back numbers since the first of January. Many, many thanks for so kindly thinking of me. Now that letters only cost two cents you might

in spite of the hard times answer my last letter written so long ago that I have forgotten just when. By the way, writing of the two cent postage rates reminds me that there are two sides to the question. A letter from Cora took twenty-three days to reach me and one from Mary fourteen. Letters coming direct never took more than twelve days, usually less. I did not like much sending my photograph home. Father used always to say how ugly I was and I thought if he did not see a picture of me for a long

time he would eventually forget how I looked. He was so fond of good looks that it was a great trial to me as a girl to be so ugly. I have more hair, my coloring is better due to good health and my marks have almost entirely disappeared still my nose I fear has lost much of its classic beauty. There is a professor in Berlin who cuts away pieces of your nose and fills in with paraffine when needed until the highest nose is a thing of beauty. That would just suit my case, still it would seem queer to go around

with a new nose after having carried the other one around thirty-five years. Today is Father's birthday and I shall think of him all day and wonder how he is and what he is doing. I wish him good health above all things. Mary one thinks that his birthday is the tenth of February but he wrote in my bible the eleventh and he certainly ought to know. If you are in Florida you are much to be envied. This month and next are the two most disagreeable months in the whole year, it is a blessing that there is so

much going on as one has little time to consider the storms and dreary skies. I wonder if Madeleine is still at school or if she is going out this winter. Doris wrote that she is quite a Belle which gave me the impression that she must be in society. It makes me feel old to think of her being a young girl in society. Her pillow fights in my room when Charles always used to get the better of us seem but yesterday. I am hand and glove with the young set here as I cannot seem to realize that I more rightly belong to the

older set. Oscar says if I had children I would be forced to realize the flight of time. Jon and my old darling were born in the same year. He sends you all his love in which I heartily join. Again thanking you for your kindness in sending me the papers and magazines I am as ever.

Affectionately yours

Marion

Please show Father this letter. It is meant for both of you, only I fear it will not interest him much.